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Inspection Report

Minerals Regulatory Program

Report Date January 30, 2006

Supervisor DRH

Mine Name: White Cap #8
Operator Name: Gypsum Resource Development

Permit number: S/015/047
Inspection Date: January 20, 2006
Time: 10:50-11:30 AM

Inspector(s): Paul Baker
Other Participants: Rebecca Doolittle, Price BLM
Mine Status: Inactive

Weather: Sunny, patchy snow, 20's

Elements of Inspection	Evaluated	Comment	Enforcement
1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Deleterious Material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Concurrent Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts, drill holes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Water Impoundments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Soils	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Revegetation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Purpose of Inspection:

Our purposes were to see whether the mine had been reclaimed and, if it hadn't, to look at how reclamation should be done.

Inspection Summary:

1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds

On November 9, 2005, the Division sent the operator a certified letter requiring that this site be reclaimed by January 1, 2006. The operator signed for this letter on November 15, 2005.

The mine has not been reclaimed, so I will be issuing notice of violation MN-2006-03-01-01.

The site has not changed appreciably since the last inspection on April 7, 2004.

3. Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control

Regrading this site will probably create a swale sloping toward the north. After crossing the road, this would link with an existing natural drainage that leads to a livestock watering pond. I suggest that the operator contact the county about putting a culvert under the road to connect with this natural drainage. Otherwise, it is likely the road will occasionally be flooded by runoff from the mine.

There is a pond near the road that contains water.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

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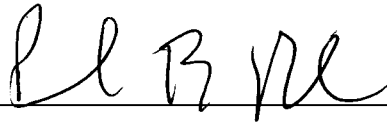
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Regrading this site should not be terribly complicated. Stockpiles will need to be graded into the pond and other low areas. As mentioned above, this will create a swale, but it should be possible to have positive drainage. Basic grading should be followed by topsoil placement. Topsoil was stockpiled around the perimeter of the site.

Other recommendations are given in the summary section.

Inspector's Signature



Date:

2/3/06

PBB:pb

cc: Curtis Larkin, Gypsum resource Development
Rebecca Doolittle, Price BLM

Attachment: Photos

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ATTACHMENT

Photographs

S/015/047, White Cap #8, Gypsum Resource Development
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Photo 1.



Photo 2. Grizzly near the county road.

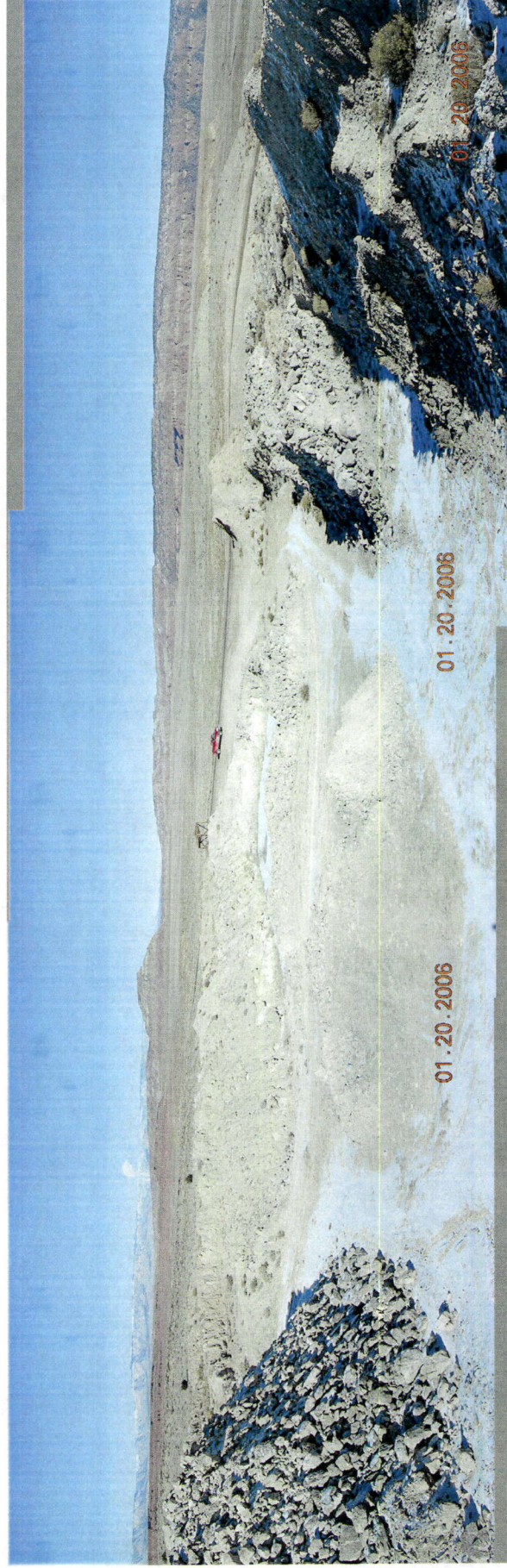


Photo 3. Panorama of the lower part of the quarry. Note the pond containing water (ice). On the left is the largest of a few gypsum stockpiles.

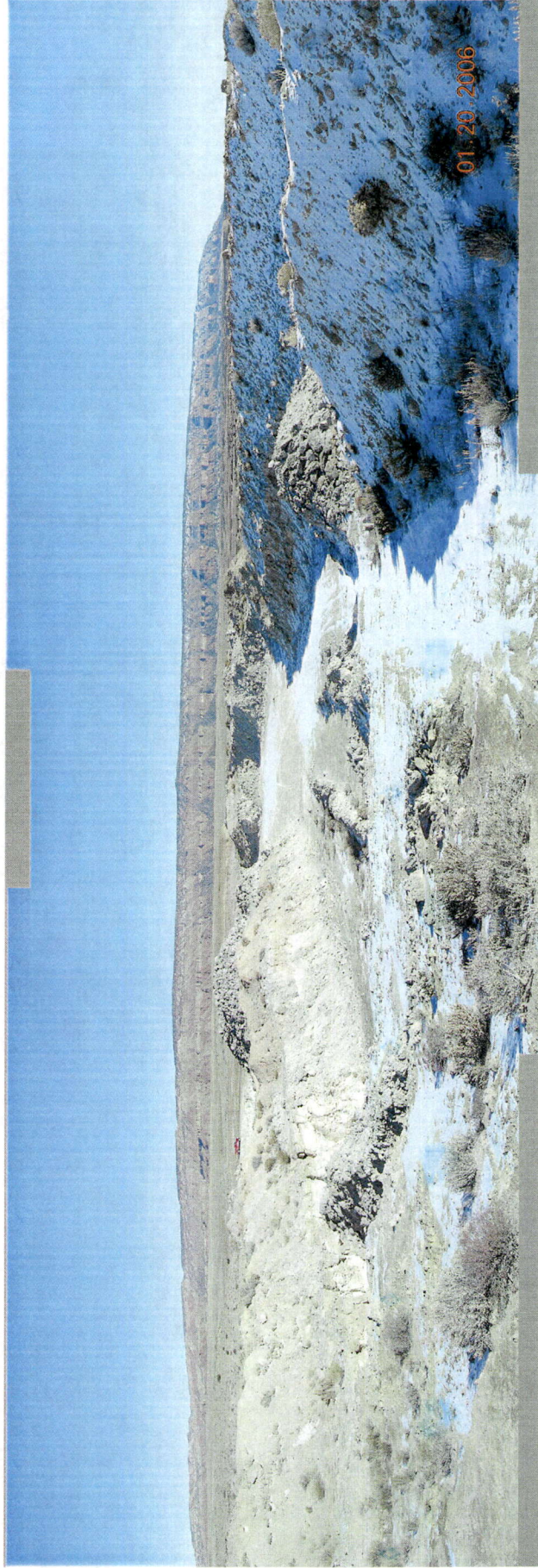


Photo 4. Another panorama of the quarry. These pictures were taken from the southern edge of the disturbed area.